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The Town

Building Issues

A barn under construction on Hupi Road continues to generate complaints from neighbors. Building Commissioner Don Torrico gave the Select Board a copy of a letter from Shawn Leary, attorney for Carol Edelman, concerning the installation of air conditioning in the Jaffe barn. Torrico noted that there is no law prohibiting air conditioning for storage space, and that nothing has been built so far that takes the barn out of its U (utility) classification. At the June 20 Select Board meeting, another Hupi Road resident complained about the Jaffe's barn work crew's dogs that continue to run around off leash.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Leavitt have petitioned the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for permission to double the size of their house on Worth Lane. Two years ago they asked the Board of Health for a permit to do the work, but were turned down because they did not have the appropriate septic system. After updating the septic system, they are requesting

Michael Storch

Anne Marie Makuc (seated) surrounded by Library Trustees and other well-wishers at her retirement reception at General Store on June 8. (l–r) Carol Edelman, Bill Swan, Judy Hayes, Katherine Basler, Edie Ross, Barbara Dahlman, Stephanie Grotz, Will Marsh, Laurie Shaw, Lois Storch, Linda Thorpe, Joseph Makuc (in carrier).

permission, once again, to double the size of the house. The Board of Health must rule on the question because the property is nonconforming.

The ZBA turned down Michael Germain's septic tank request by a unanimously negative vote. Torrico provided Forbes with a punch list for Bally Gally.

At the June 20 Select Board meeting, Torrico introduced Gordon Bailey, a state Building Inspector whose territory includes Monterey. Bailey's appearance was occasioned by Select Board questioning of how a reasonable inspection policy can be applied consistently. Noting that zoning issues in town vary greatly in their scope and priority, Select Board member Jonathan Sylbert cited the case where a homeowner had replaced steps on an old house but did not then install a railing. After the homeowner indicated that he might go to court on this matter, Sylbert sought clarification about which issues allow discretion and which do not.

Bailey explained that the building code articulates minimum standards of safety, below which work cannot proceed. There is a bit of flexibility in the rules for existing buildings, but none where new construction is involved. Building and zoning code questions, Bailey continued, can be broken down into life safety issues, which are non-negotiable, and quality of life matters, which allow for some flexibility.

Bailey pointed out that since most of the big problems in single-family homes emanate from trips and falls, dog bites, and fire, building codes are designed to reduce the occurrence of these problems. After Select Board chair Michèle Miller pointed out that building code interpretations have been an ongoing problem, Bailey suggested that the Select Board sponsor an informational meeting for the public that he would attend to explain the background and necessity of currently used rules. "A lot of the time the problem is a communication issue," Bailey said, "and you don't want to catch people by surprise."

The Select Board agreed that this was a useful starting point and now plans to hold a meeting during the summer for Bailey to address town residents.

Miller is determined to resolve the niggling issues that continue to delay completion of the Town Hall renovation. Unfinished tasks include a new door and railings on both sides of the front egress, an enclosure for the oil tank, widening the space for the entry door to the Select Board room, and restriping the the handicap parking space, which will result in the loss of one parking space.

The Select Board is grappling with questions about how to determine who is responsible for unfinished business or work done incorrectly. Placement of utilities below the flood plain elevation is a matter of particular concern. Miller suggested that the Select Board write Bailey for suggestions on how to proceed.

Highway Department

Director of Operations Maynard Forbes warned the Select Board that Monterey can expect a visit from the EPA to check out town facilities. Noting that the Department of Public Works needs to follow rules like everyone else, Forbes said, "I've done everything I can, but I keep getting my budget request turned down." The facilities at issue include the salt and sand sheds, storage for gasoline, and dumpsters at the transfer station.

The state requires compliance within five years of the project's placement on the town's capital budget, so Forbes believes Monterey has either three or four years within which to comply with at least the salt shed section. Sylbert suggested that Forbes and others detail what needs to be done at the Transfer Station and what the cost will be so that the project can go on the Town Warrant in 2006.

Miller asked Forbes to initiate a consistent records keeping system so the town will have the mileage and hours for each town-owned vehicle at the end of the year. Miller also suggested that the Highway Department create a procedure to notify residents when there will be maintenance on their roads.

Forbes said Gould Farm asked that work be done on Gould Road to improve visibility where the road narrows. When

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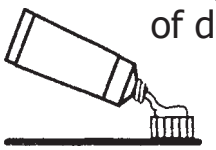

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the Highway Department has finished its work on Gould Road's drainage and the visibility issue, the road will remain 20 feet wide, as it has been, and the gentle slope on the bank will be retained. Tree Warden Roger Tryon expressed his disapproval of this work to the Select Board.

In response to a question, Forbes explained the history of lawn mowing on town property. The Park Commission mows the ballfield, the area around Town Hall, and the Parade Ground on Beartown Mountain Road. The Cemetery Committee oversees the mowing of the cemeteries. The Highway Department mows intersections, and has taken over maintenance of the Edith Wilson House lawn. It was decided to find out what the various commissions and committees spend on mowing and then discuss the possibility of having the Highway Department become responsible for mowing of all town property.

Miller asked Forbes to write a job description for another Highway Department employee.

Leigh Tryon of Tryon Construction was the only bidder for the heavy equipment rental contract, so that company will continue providing rental equipment to Monterey.

Edie Ross

Monterey kids admiring the Red Sox World Series Championship Trophy at Firehouse gazebo, Memorial Day.

Police Department

Chief of Police Gareth Backhaus reported increased vandalism beginning on Memorial Day weekend. A road sign was pulled out of the ground at the intersection of Tyringham and Mt. Hunger Roads, other road signs were bent, a picnic bench near the dam was upended, and so forth. The vandals seem to be particularly active on Saturday nights. For the record, it costs $100 to replace a two-sided sign and hardware, with additional labor costs.

During June, the Police Department responded to an alarm set off by a caretaker, a false alarm, a domestic call that resulted in a police escort of a woman back to her house to retrieve her possessions, a dog complaint, two disabled motor vehicles, and a transformer explosion on Hupi Road that eliminated electrical service along the road for several hours. The suspected culprit for the outage is a squirrel.

A power company truck driving along Mt. Hunger Road came to a dangerous corner at the same time as a local resident, who pulled over as far as she could go before her tire got ripped off by a rock, releasing her airbag. The front end of her car was damaged. Backhaus believes that that particular section of Mt. Hunger Road needs better grading to prevent future accidents. Director of Operations Maynard Forbes disagrees with Backhaus, noting that the place on the road where the accident occurred is 20 feet wide. Forbes believes instead that the truck had gone too far on the wrong side of the road.

The Select Board reiterated its support of the job the Chief of Police has been doing, and noted that the Police Department's work is a large part of what makes Monterey a fine place in which to live.

At the June 7 Select Board meeting, Backhaus introduced Joseph Dondey, the new intermittent reserve police officer who has been working on weekends.

Communications & Technology

Computer consultant Del Rogers appeared before the Select Board to answer many questions that arise repeatedly as Town Hall tries to enter the Digital Age. Sylbert suggested that a complete restructuring and integration of the town's communication and computer system should be undertaken. Questions about adequate training of computer users, computer security, and backup arise frequently and

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need to be addressed sooner rather than later. Rogers said that he plans to have a full audit of computer use in Monterey by the middle of July, at which time he will also produce a user's manual.

Park Commission

Leroy Thorpe, chairman of the Park Commission, told the Select Board that he may have to go beyond his budget for FY2005 because the wiring on a pole by the ballfield needs repair. Other urgent problems include repairing a dock ripped out of the water on Lake Garfield by a vandal and how to handle the "big, ugly spot" on the front corner between the lake and the tubes. The Select Board suggested that this area be fenced in so it could be seeded. Thorpe also said the basketball court may have to be moved, a large expense that would have to be put on the Town Warrant for approval.

At later meetings, Thorpe suggested that the wiring may be covered by insurance, but he is still awaiting an estimate of the cost.

Larry Klein told the Select Board that he and his wife Sandra donated two benches to Monterey for placement on the Parade Grounds. After thanking Klein for his generosity to the town, Sylbert noted that there is occasional vandalism, whereupon Torrico suggested that Monterey contact a local chapter of the Guardian Angels for help on this type of vandalism.

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Wilson-McLaughlin House

On June 20, six members of the Friends of Wilson-McLaughlin House committee updated the Select Board on their activities since the annual Town Meeting. After the committee met with development consultant Marion Simon for advice on fundraising, they realized they needed more organization before launching a full-fledged campaign.

The committee asked if Monterey's insurance would cover the house while it is leased to the committee and if they have to ask the Planning Board for permission to erect a sign in front of the house. They need to rid the house of the many tables and chairs that the town has stored there. The roof will need some new shingles before the onset of winter.

Shirley Olds indicated they might have a small tag sale of the remaining contents. Gige O'Connell reported that she plans to sell the remaining mugs, plates, and small T-shirts from Monterey's 150th anniversary celebration. Each item is priced at $5, and the proceeds will go to the town's general fund.

Dog Licenses

A dispute arose between Dog Officer Marty Clark and Town Clerk Barbara Swann. Clark said that he issued twenty bylaw dog tag violations for a total of $500. Swann said that only about half of the tickets Clark wrote were valid. She said that Clark uses the wrong forms and does not cite the correct state law. "He must issue a 21-D ticket," she said.

Clark said that May 1 is the deadline in all Massachusetts towns for dog licensing, and that licensing after that date results in a late fee. After the Select Board asked Swann to gather the pertinent local and state regulations, she reported that Massachusetts law states that dog licenses are valid from April 1 to the following March 31, and that after the latter date, the dog owner is fined if the license is not renewed.

Town Secretary

As of Monday, June 6, 14 applications for the position of Town Secretary had been received. After being told by the Town Clerk that the open meeting law mandates interview sessions as public meetings, the Select Board decided to hold the interviews from 9:30 a.m.–12 noon on Monday, June 13. The notice was posted on Thursday, June 9, well within the 48-hour period required by law. Additional meetings for interviews were conducted in the following ten days.

A letter is being sent from the Select Board to all town committees advising patience and added vigilance during the transition from one town secretary to a new one.

This and That

Miller suggested that each Select Board member read through the town bylaw book, circulate their comments, and then schedule a meeting to update the bylaws. All department heads will be asked to review the bylaws and report back to the Select Board by July 11. Before updating occurs, a town meeting will be held for citizen input.

Ray Tryon reported on June 13 that a nine-year old fire truck needed repair, and that the bill may be a steep one. The truck was bought in 1996, and has traveled 3200 miles. Tryon said, though, that with fire engines the critical number is that of hours used, not miles traveled.

Larry Klein, speaking on behalf of Dick Tryon, who was unable to stay at the June 6 Select Board meeting, said that Tryon believes the little bridge on Beartown Mountain Road is, in fact, not a bridge. Tryon's position is that according to Massachusetts state law, a bridge is only a bridge if its span is greater than 20 feet. Tryon's source for bridge measurement told him that the bridge was not greater than 20 feet. Select Board member Michael Storch will pursue this matter.

A second complaint was made to the Select Board about the blue garbage receptacle that remains in perpetuity at the foot of the driveway at 171 Main Road.

Riccardo Boehm, owner of the property of the Monterey General Store, notified the Select Board that he does not want notices posted on the exterior of the

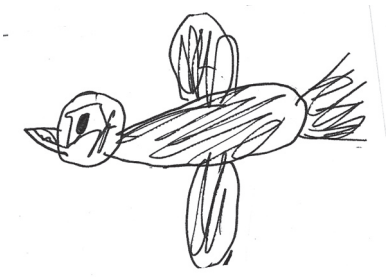
building or inside the store without his consent or that of Kenn Basler.

Hugh Campbell of Massachusetts Mountain Insurance addressed the Select Board about his company's insurance policies. The Select Board agreed to ask Town Treasurer Pat Mielke about this.

Chuck Mielke informed the Select Board that his wife, Debra Mielke, had made a full disclosure that she is the owner of Mielke Hardwood, the company that has been subcontracted to mow the town cemeteries. Mielke wanted the Select Board to know about this because he is on the Cemetery Committee and his wife is on the town Finance Committee.

Appointments were made to town committees. As per the Town Meeting, the Select Board established an Agricultural Commission, and appointed Laurily Epstein to organize it.

— Laurily K. Epstein



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News About LakeFest 2005

David Grover and Big Bear Band to perform

The LakeFest Planning Committee proudly announces a two-part concert by the fabulous David Grover and The Big Bear Band on Saturday, August 13 (with a rain date of August 14). There will be a concert for children at 4:30 p.m., just before the potluck dinner. After dinner, while many are roasting and munching marshmallows, there will be music for all ages until the fireworks at 9 p.m.

Events at the beach will begin at 2:00 p.m. There will be expanded activities for children along with the old favorites of boat rides, kayak tryouts, and sandcastle building. The schedule of events will be in the August Monterey News and in a flyer distributed beginning in early August.

Help Needed

* Motorboat owners/drivers to give rides from Amidon dock. Call or e-mail Hy Rosen, 528-9090 or hytime@netcom.com.
* Volunteers to help with children's activities. Call or email Kathryn Klingenstein, 528-2428
* Individual Sponsorships of fireworks and Grover concert will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged:

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Catch up on Lake Garfield news on Saturday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the Firehouse.

Town Beach Opens, Swim Lessons Scheduled

As you all read this, we are happy to report that the Lake Garfield Town Beach has opened officially for the season, with fulltime lifeguards seven days a week from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and new sand. Join us in welcoming back lifeguards Kelly Coons and Bethany Mather and in introducing lifeguards Emily Shaw and Megan Olivieri.

Swim lessons will be offered on July 18–22 at the Town Beach from 1–3 p.m.

Another session may be offered in August, depending on interest. Sign up at the beach or phone Chandler Crawford at 528-6611.

Enjoy the beach!

— Monterey Park Commisison

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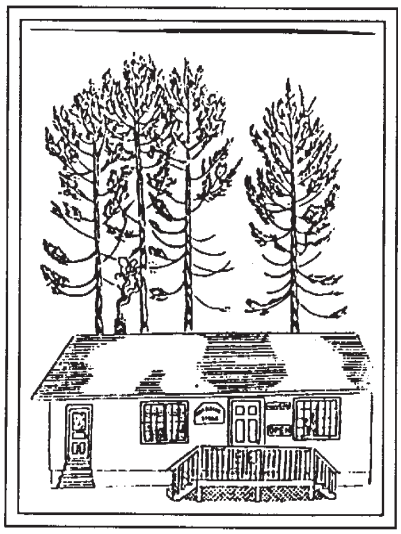

Memorial Day 2005

Memorial Day in Monterey was a day of remembrance, appreciation, and somber thoughts for all of the veterans of a great nation.

At 11:00 a.m. we gathered at the Monterey Veterans Memorial Park, a beautiful and peaceful location enshrined with three black impala granite steles bearing the names of all Monterey veterans who served in the Revolutionary War and all wars through the Vietnam conflict. The park was dedicated eight years ago and was funded totally by donations from veterans and friends of Monterey in remembrance of those who served and the sacrifices they and their families made in order to keep our great U.S.A. free and safe from harm.

The Rev. Elizabeth Goodman opened the service with a prayer. Master of Ceremonies Dean Amidon then spoke of the origin of Memorial Day. It was proclaimed by Gen. John A. Logan, a Civil War veteran, on May 30, 1868. In making the proclamation he said, "What better duty could veterans perform than to cherish tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts the barricade between our country and its foes?" He also stated that veterans have an obligation to protect that legacy and be forever vigilant in keeping alive the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This charge to the Grand Army of the Republic is as relevant today as it was 137 years ago.

There was a moment of silence in honor of Monterey Veterans who have died since this park was dedicated in 1997, five of whom were present at that dedication: Frank Rotundo, William Zad, James Connery, Joseph Wondrasch, William Koivisto, Jack Jefferson, Fred Leuchs, and our young Coast Guardsman and former Monterey Fireman Ian Rogers.

Geoff Coehlo

Command Sergeants Major Julio Rodriguez and Arnold Hayes, U.S. Army, Ret.

Mary Kate Jordon, who has spoken at all of our Monterey Veterans Memorial services, gave a strong and meaningful presentation, which is printed on p. 8 in this issue of the *Monterey News*.

Bill Bell, one of our own veterans, then presented us with an emotional and beautiful remembrance of his visit on Memorial Day of 2004 to the shores of France and the D Day beaches at Normandy. A highlight of the visit was a cemetery at Colleville-Saint Laurent, Normandy, which overlooks Omaha Beach. More than 2500 American soldiers were killed at Omaha Beach alone on that fateful day. The American armies moved across France and by April 1945 76,360 Americans were buried in twenty-four temporary cemeteries on and in French soil. After the war some 60% were repatriated to the U.S. and a consolidation of cemeteries occurred. One of the permanent French sites was Colleville- Saint Laurent. The first body was interred in 1948. The site was deeded to the United States by France in perpetuity, tax free, with the status of a U.S. Territory. It is manned by Americans. Total interments number 9350, including thirty-eight pairs of brothers and four women. The headstones are made from white Italian marble. All are crosses, except for 149 Jewish Stars of David. There are 307 unknown. There is also a missing in action monument containing 1557 names. There are over one million visitors each year to the Normandy cemetery. BLESS THEM ALL!!! BLESS THEM ALL!!!

Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye in the audience at the end of Bill Bell's marvelous description of his memorable trip to Normandy.

Following Bill Bell's remembrance, Command Sgt. Major Arnold Hayes, U.S. Army, Ret., spoke to us about Duty, Honor and Country. He again reminded us very precisely what Memorial Day was, is, and always should be. Lest we Forget. Who will take up this duty after we "old time vets" are no longer around to remind young Americans of these sacrifices? Hopefully, those of you in Monterey will NOT FORGET.

We were honored this year to have Command Sgt. Major Julio Rodriguez, U.S. Army, Ret., assist our own Monterey Veterans in presenting the To the Colors, Flag Raising and a rifle salute, followed by "Taps" played by our own outstanding musician Allan Dean.

Monterey Veterans participating in all of the military activities presented at this service were: Steve Kahn, Bill Bell, Frank D'Amato, Tom Hough, Ken Heath, Dick Tryon, George Emmons, Larry Klein,

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Steve Pullen, and Leroy Thorpe, who drilled the vets for the ceremony.

Riccardo Boehm requested that Monterey join in an effort to support our own 42nd Military Police Company from the Massachusetts Army National Guard now serving near Tikrit, Iraq, with gifts and notes.

The Select Board laid a wreath at the monument in the front of the park honoring all Monterey Veterans. Rev. Elizabeth Goodman closed with the benediction.

The ceremony was well attended by about 140 loyal Montereyans and was one of the most memorable ceremonies that has been held in the last eight years.

Our thanks go to all who participated, residents who attended, and especially we remember all those who have since passed away.

A poem from Walt Whitman was read at the ceremony:

The moon gives you light,
And the drums give you music,
And my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans,
My heart gives you love.

— Dean P. Amidon

Memorial Day Parade 2005

The annual parade started on the dot at 1:00 p.m. from Sandisfield Road to the center of Monterey and then on to the Firehouse pavilion.

The Select Board led this parade, followed by the Mt. Everett High School Band, the Monterey Fire Department with their antique hose cart, the two large trucks, the emergency vehicle, and all led by a great bagpipe player and Chief Ray Tryon. The members were dressed in their formal uniforms and looked very professional. We are proud of them and appreciate having this group of volunteers in our small community.

Also participating in the parade was the Monterey baseball team, with coaches Jim Edelman and Josh Allentuck. Next were the famous Monterey Kindergarteners, with teachers Susan and Elaine keeping them in line.

The finale was a group of Icelandic horses from the Roberts Woods Farm and a beautiful palomino ridden by Monica Webb. Of course, Kathryn and Marc Roberts were among the riders on those amazing Icelandic horses.

The parade stopped in the village center in front of the the church, where there were ceremonies commemorating the day.

Rev. Arthur Monk said the invocation. The three Select Board members each carried a wreath, one to the monument on the library lawn, one to the plaque at the town hall and finally one dropped into the Konkapot River, all in honor of past and present veterans of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, and Merchant Marines. We are fortunate to have one of our own Monterey young adults, Claire Mielke, completing her second year at the Coast Guard Academy.

The flag was raised with a drum roll from the band and their playing of the National Anthem. A three-volley salute was fired in honor of Memorial Day. All these ceremonies were performed by our own Monterey Veterans led by Command Sgt. Major Arnold Hayes, U.S. Army, Ret.

"Taps" with corresponding echo was played by students from the Mt. Everett High School Band.

Rev. Arthur Monk provided the benediction, and then all of the spectators joined in loud and clear in singing "God Bless America."

At the end of the ceremonies all marched to the Firehouse pavilion for refreshments and cold drinks served by staff and friends from Gould Farm (including Director Cate Tower).

Lo and behold, at this point a beautifully painted Red Sox Volvo drove into the Gazebo area, containing the trophy from the World Championship Red Sox baseball team. Our State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli was a proud fan accompanying the trophy.

Six hundred and seventy-six pictures were taken of various folks in the Gazebo with the trophy. The best picture was the one taken of Mark and Mary Makuc and their five great children with the trophy in Mary's lap.

God Bless Monterey! May there be many more Memorial Day celebrations!

— Dean P. Amidon

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Reflections on Memorial Day

Thank you, Dean, for your invitation to speak again at the Memorial Service here at Veteran's Park in Monterey. And I am wildly grateful to be speaking to you this year without an umbrella.

I've had my theme for this talk settled for a while, but for the last week I've been looking for the one "significant item" to hang my words on, to give them that "certain something." I remembered walking through Arlington National Cemetery and seeing the tomb of the Unknown Soldier when I was about ten years old, but that wasn't it. On Saturday afternoon, I thought it was going to be the movie *Windtalkers,* which was on television that night. The movie, as you probably know, is about the Navajo soldiers whose ability to speak their native language was instrumental in setting up codes that were indecipherable to those who were then our enemies. But that wasn't it, either. Then I opened *Parade* magazine in yesterday's *Boston Globe,* which I wouldn't have had in hand except the General Store was sold out of the *Eagle*, and there it was.

I'm sure some of you read it too: the story of the life and death of Marine Corporal Jason L. Dunham, 24 years old when he saved the lives of two of his men by throwing his helmet over a live hand grenade, and then throwing himself on top of his helmet. As I stood sobbing in the kitchen with the magazine in my hand, it occurred to me that one thing I'm sure of is this: what separates Corporal Dunham's act from that of a suicide bomber is the one thing that always makes the difference: relationship. Corporal Dunham intended to save lives, not take them.

Another thing I'm sure of is that every single person here today wishes Jason Dunham had come home well and whole. He didn't. He came home with injuries so severe and irreversible that the navy surgeons who worked on him recommended removing him from life support equipment. As health care proxy, Dan Dunham had the final word, but as father and husband he turned to his wife, Deb. They made the decision together.

When Marine Corps Commandant Michael Hagee heard the news that a young battle-wounded Marine was to be removed from life support equipment that day, he went to the hospital to do what he could to support Jason's parents. Once they were all in Jason's room he called "Attention to Orders" and his aide read the citation for the Purple Heart.

This is the point in Jason Dunham's story where I started to cry, even before the part where the general clipped the ribbon to the comatose boy's pillow. Which is part of what the article's author intended, of course. Every moving human story is always about relationship.

With 1,900 residents, Corporal Dunham's home town is a bit larger than ours is in winter, smaller than ours at this time of year. But all of us who live in small towns know the value of relationship. It's what soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the Air Force, the National Guard, and the Coast Guard, find so intensified in times of danger and in areas of the world torn by conflict.

It's what we come here today to honor as well: our relationships to those who went to war and didn't come home. Some of you knew many of them by name, were their buddies, watched their backs. Some of you were not in the line of fire but had supportive relationship to the combat troops, either in-country, or here at home. Some of us know them only through knowing you, and by honoring the values for which they, and you, joined and served in the military. We are privileged to have this opportunity to honor their valor together, as a community, and to do so in the part of the world where our Berkshire neighbor, Norman Rockwell, so clearly expressed these values without using a single word.

But I'll use words, the titles of four of his most memorable paintings: *Freedom from Want, Freedom of Worship, Freedom of Speech,* and *Freedom from Fear*. The words bring up memories of the paintings, and the ideals they represent, which so many have fought to defend.

We are double privileged today. First we stand here to honor both you who gave your service and those who gave their lives. That puts us in the privileged position of daring to do what we just naturally do here in Monterey: share the challenges and joys of living together in a community where these ideals are lived.

* Freedom from Fear. Yours, too. Not just mine.
* Freedom of Speech. Yours, too. Not just mine.
* Freedom of Worship. Yours, too. Not just mine.
* Freedom from Want. Yours, too. Not just mine.

From the bottom of my heart, I celebrate lives given, and lives lived, dedicated to ideals so worth defending.

— Mary Kate Jordan

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Recycling Consultant at Transfer Station July 9

The Center For Ecological Technology (CET) will be on hand to answer questions at the town transfer station, Gould Road, on Saturday, July 9. Ezra Small, CET's Americorps VISTA volunteer, will be at the station from 8 to 10 a.m. with information available about recycling, hazardous waste management, and waste reduction. The recycling center hours on Saturdays are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District commissioners recently asked CET to assist in educating residents about how to reduce waste and increase recycling.

In April, a new contract went into effect for participating communities with the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), a processing facility where recyclable paper, glass, metal, aseptic containers, and plastics are mostly sorted before being marketed to industries that use recycled materials. The Town of Monterey will receive a minimum payment of $15.67 for each ton of recyclables delivered to the MRF for recycling. Additionally, the town will receive additional funds of 50% for any average $/ton revenue over $40.00 so it is in the town's financial interest as well as good for the environment to encourage more recycling.

Ezra is looking forward to meeting Monterey residents and answering any questions they have about important environmental issues. If you have any questions before he gets there or would like more information, please call Ezra Small at 413-445-4556, ext. 17, or email him at ezras@cetonline.org.

2005 LakeFest Poster Makes Magic of a Day at the Beach

This year's LakeFest Poster comes courtesy of Monterey's own former potter, now photographer extraordinaire, Edie Ross. A graduate of the International Center of Photography, Edie is into infrared photography and, most recently, computer enhanced (or should we say entranced!) digital photography. "This photo was just plain fun!" says she. Not so "plain" to me. Edie takes an easy, breezy moment from LakeFest 2004, employs Photoshop and her endless imagination—and turns it into a magical Monterey moment.

As generous as she is talented, Edie produced the Bidwell House 2004 calendar as well as numerous publicity photos for Gould Farm. All gratis, of course. Stop by the Roadside. Catch her gallery of photography. See more at the General Store.

Edie and her husband Stan (on our Town Board of Assesssors) divided their time between Long Island, Manhattan and Monterey for eighteen years before opting for full-time heaven here in Monterey for the past seven years.

And now a word from our sponsor: The Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG) put posters on sale July 2nd at the General Store. This exquisite piece of art asks a mere $15. (Less than the price of a pizza! And far less fattening.) Proceeds from poster sales help fund LakeFest 2005 (Saturday, August 13) which will be better than ever, featuring a dazzling display of fireworks AND both a kids' concert and adult concert by the very popular, ever crowd-pleasing, David Grover and the Big Bear Band. I can hardly wait.

— Hy Rosen

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Land Trusts to the Rescue

By donating $1,000 to Berkshire Grown in June, the Monterey Preservation Land Trust (MPLT) continued its financial commitment to the Land Trust Initiative formed to help Berkshire Grown maintain its mission.

In 2003, the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture withdrew its support of Berkshire Grown, deleting 40% of the organization's budget. By summer 2004 its financial prospects were grim. Then, like a *deux ex machina,* came a call from long-time Berkshire Grown friends and supporters George Wislocki, founder and former president of Berkshire Natural Resources Council, and Carter White, a founder of the Richmond Land Trust and all-round philanthropic wizard.

Both men's longstanding connections with the land trust community sparked their idea to create a consortium of local land trusts that would contribute funds to keep Berkshire Grown afloat until a permanent substitute for the lost state funding was found. "Berkshire Grown is the outstanding organization in our county for the promotion of local farms and farmers," Wislocki says. "I believe that the land trust movement has to vigorously support Berkshire Grown financially, so they can substantially increase their development and agriculture promotional initiatives."

As consummate strategists, Wislocki and White first won the support of three important local foundations: High Meadow, Whitehead, and the Reich Foundation. Each group committed $2500 per year for three years, a total of $7500 per year, to be matched (preferably exceeded) by the contributions from the local land trusts.

After several luncheons for board members of the local land trusts throughout Berkshire County, Tad Ames, President of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, convened a meeting of the land trust executives. Says Ames, "When a farmer gives up, a little piece of that collective experience we call 'the Berkshires' dies. Berkshire Grown helps farmers stay in business, and stay on the land. When it comes to land protection, that's half the battle. It's good economics, it's good stewardship and it's good community health. Every land trust—and every land conservationist—should be a member of Berkshire Grown."

Thanks to these heroic efforts, Berkshire Grown received a financial commitment from the Monterey Preservation Land Trust, as well as land trusts in Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, New Marlborough, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and Williamstown.

Jonathan Sylbert, president of MPLT, remarks, "Helping to sustain local agriculture is the best—and cheapest—way to conserve land and preserve the rural character of Berkshire County." Berkshire Grown and all those who believe in its mission thank MPLT and the other land trusts that put their trust and faith into the organization's efforts to promote sustainable agriculture.

— Laurily K. Epstein

Laurily Epstein is president of the board of trustees of Berkshire Grown, and is a member of the Monterey Preservation Land Trust.

Historical Society Talk on History of Appalachian Trail

Cosmo Catalano will present a slide show on the history of the Appalachian Trail on Friday evening, July 22, at 7 p.m. in the Knox Museum at the Monterey Library, sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society.

Cosmo, a twenty-one year resident of the Berkshires presently living in Williamstown, is production manager in the Theater Department at Williams College. Cosmo enjoys hiking, became involved with the Appalachian Trail in 1998, and is presently chairman of the Massachusetts Appalachian Trail Committee.

The event is free, and all are welcome. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

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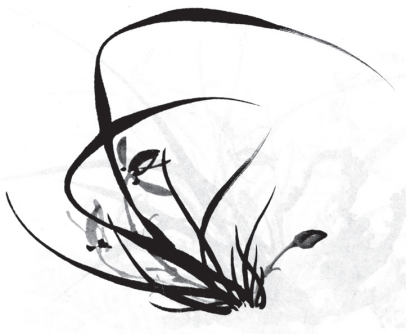

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Monterey Farmland Preserved

Gould Farm is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture has purchased over 200 acres of development rights from the farm under the state's Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program. Purchase of development rights is a way to preserve agricultural land. Gould Farm will be applying the funds received toward much needed sewage system improvements.

At the recent check presentation ceremony, Claudette Callahan, Gould Farm Board President said, "Gould Farm is thrilled to have worked cooperatively with the Monterey Land Trust and Massachusetts Department of Agriculture to permanently protect and preserve 200 prime agricultural acres. Environmental preservation is a key part of everyday life on our farm. We are grateful for this partnership that enables us to preserve this land in perpetuity while also helping us financially toward needed improvements."

Established in 1913, Gould Farm is a psychosocial rehabilitation program for adults coping with the challenges of mental illness. The farm's 650 acres mainly comprise woodland and farmland. Organic practices in farming and gardening, pasture rotation, and revitalization and selective timber harvesting are both practiced and taught. A land-use Master Plan, completed in conjunction with the Conway School of Design, has provided guidance for land-use decisions.

Renewable energy is another important objective in the Gould Farm community. Supplementing the farm's extensive use of wood for heating and hot water generation, the Harvest Barn was recently outfitted with photovoltaic panels to provide for much of that building's electrical needs. Gould Farm will be working with the Center for Ecological Technology to showcase the use of the photovoltaic panels as part of CET's "energy tours."

Gould Farm also works in the community environmental education arena. In the 1990s, a nature trail and wildlife sanctuary was completed across wetland and woodland. The farm is a founding member of Berkshire Grown, an organization devoted to promoting widespread use of local food and community values of supporting local farms.

Gould Farm Board Chair Claudette Callahan accepts a check from the State of Massachusetts to complete the process of placing 200 acres of Gould Farm lands into the Massachusetts Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program. (l to r, standing): Jonathan Sylbert, Georgiana O'Connell, Stan Ross, Neil Ellenoff, and Marty Chernoff.

Lake Garfield Torah Group

The Lake Garfield Torah Group will be meeting on Saturday mornings from June through September. Portions of the Books of Numbers, Deuteronomy, Hosea, Judges, Zakeriah, Joshua, Samuel, Micah, Kings, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Joel, and Ezekiel will be discussed. Those observing a yahr zeit or saying Kadesh may call regarding a minyan. Additional information may be obtained by calling 413-528-3193 or 413-567-8171.

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If you haven't visited the Monterey General Store lately, do so as soon as you can! Riccardo Boehm, building owner, and Kenn Basler, store owner, have made a great team. The store is now a terrific resource and gathering place for residents and visitors alike. Kenn stocks great produce and sensibly priced, quality wine. He makes amazing sandwiches, smokes chicken and salmon resulting in a great taste, offers barbecue on Saturdays between 12 and 2 p.m., stocks cards and gift items like Monterey T-shirts and backpacks, and offers an afternoon soft-serve ice-cream window. The store has an expanded café area and a wonderful deck with free wireless Internet access where you can meet friends, catch up with e-mail and enjoy coffee, lunch, or snacks.

The store has offered a number of wine tastings and musical evenings and will continue to plan special events like this (see July schedule, this page). Please check out the store's web site for details: http://www.MontereyStore.com.

Like the store, the web site is also a community resource. There are pages with photo slide shows of the Memorial Day celebration, complete with the Red Sox's championship cup, the retirement party for Anne Marie Makuc, the Earth Day fishing derby at the hatchery, and the New Year's Day coffee club breakfast. You can have fun seeing how many Monterey people you can recognize.

The site also features the Veggie Delight quilt the Monterey Piecemakers have made to raffle for Volunteers in Medicine, the free health clinic in Great Barrington. Any of the quilters would love to sell you tickets for this gem of a wall hanging or throw quilt.

If you have community news you'd like to advertise or record on the store's web site, e-mail Pam Johnson at pjjohnson@direcway.com. Pam maintains the community section as a volunteer effort and will try to accommodate you. Also contact her if you have a Monterey business with a web site and would like a link from the store's site. And please reciprocate—the more links, the more everyone gets noticed.

July Events at Monterey General Store

Thursday Evening Music

The music evenings have been a big hit with 35–50 folks showing up for some great music. The music is played from 7–9 and the kitchen is open until 8 for light meals. Check the web site for more information on what's on the menu. The schedule for July is: **July 7,** Sammy Brown; **July 14,** John Sellew, Anson Olds, and Tom Ingersoll; **July 21,** Joel Schick; **July 28;** Robin O'Herin.

Educational Tuesday Evenings

Come to the store's educational evenings to find out about Monterey's environment and history. The talks begin at 7 p.m.

July 5: George Emmons will talk and answer questions about the history of Native Americans in Monterey.

July 12: Sue Protheroe will entertain young and old with her storytelling and will be joined by our own Bonner McAllester, who will talk about skulls, bones and animals found in the woods of Monterey. This event is cosponsored by the Monterey Library.

July 19: Dave St. James will talk and show slides on edible plants found in the area.

Friday Wine & Cheese Tastings

If you have any questions on wine and wines available at the store, the store will be hosting three wine and cheese tastings in July, from 4–6 p.m. on July 8, 15, and 22. Representativess from our three wine distributors will be on hand. Kenn will also have a tasting of some of the new cheeses the store is carrying.

Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Ice …

The soft-serve window will open on the July 4th weekend. Days and hours will be posted at the store and on the web site.

More information and scheduled events will be posted at the store and on the web site (www.MontereyStore.com), or call the store, 528-4437.

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Monterey Water Company

Established in 1911, the Monterey Water Company serves seventy homes, businesses, town properties, and the church. It is organized as a private non-profit public benefit corporation and is run by volunteers and overseen by an elected board of directors.

A major repair project replacing the old 12,000-gallon water storage tank with two 10,000-gallon tanks is underway. All the water lines between the well pump and the tanks are being replaced as well. A new pump house will be constructed to house the emergency generator, pumps, and circuit boxes.

The project is possible due to financing provided by the Berkshire Bank in the amount of $125,000, with the aid of Jay Bailey, loan officer, and Stefan Grotz, corporate council. Shareholders saw a $75 increase in the base rate effective January 2005 to pay for the debt service.

Switchover from the old tanks to the new will occur in late summer or fall, overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The water source is a deep well on company property located on Sandisfield Road. The system is gravity feed from the tanks located on the hillside. The water, tested monthly according to state mandate, is untreated. These repairs should keep the system going for several more generations.

— Steve Pullen

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New Buzz at Gould Farm

What's more fun that a hive full of bees? If you ask Gould Farm volunteer Katie Lockard, the answer is "two hives." Hailing from Reedsport, Oregon, Lockard joined the therapeutic farm community last February with a contagious enthusiasm both to help the farm's guests in their recovery and to assist with needed farm chores.

Prior to her foray into beekeeping, she knew little of what was involved. "I heard there were vacant hives at the farm and began asking many questions," Lockard explained. Before long, she was enrolled in a beekeeping course at LaGrant's Apiary in Ware, Massachusetts.

Lockard's degree in biology and interest in entomology served her well in helping to make the 10,000 newly arrived Italian honey bees feel at home. "Bees are fascinating and usually not aggressive if you follow some basic precautions," she said. Lockard believes there is therapeutic value in working with bees and hopes to involve farm guests in caring for these critters and eventually harvesting the honey.

Gould Farm provides therapeutic rehabilitation in a non-institutional, nurturing program for adults (ages 18 and over) coping with the challenges of conditions such as schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorder, bipolar disorder, and depression. The farm is a diverse community of guests (our clients) and staff and their families. An experienced clinical team counsels guests and supports family relationships. For additional information about the farm and its programs, please call 413-528-1804.

Glynis Oliver

Jonah Carlson Receives Special Recognition

Jonah Carlson (shown above reading from his work in progress at the February community dinner) received special recognition at a June 4th ceremony sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Students across the country who score at or above the 97th percentile on standardized tests in their schools are invited by Johns Hopkins to take a series of rigorous above-grade-level tests. Only about 35% of the children who take these tests achieve a score high enough to be invited to this ceremony.

Congratulations to Jonah for being one of the top scoring students in Massachusetts! Jonah has lived in Monterey since his birth ten years ago.

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From the Meetinghouse …

There is a roadside diner in northern Arizona, somewhere not too far from the Grand Canyon, where molasses is served instead of maple syrup as a topping for the pancakes. It looks like maple syrup in the bottle there on the table next to the salt and pepper and the cream for coffee, though perhaps suspiciously dark to those with a trained eye; it "pours" like syrup, too—thick and slow, though perhaps too slow to those in the know. For the common customer, not until you taste it do you realize that it's molasses, not syrup, but then it's too late. I was about nine when I made that mistake, and now I always test the syrup first when I'm in a new place and it's unmarked on the table, and I haven't ever been able to eat molasses again. I should have known, of course, that something was strange about the diner when the waitress came up to our booth and placed her face just inches from my own and said in a drawl as deep as her voice was high, "Well, hi, sugar!"—a greeting I had never heard used in my native New Hampshire. My eyes grew wide, according to my parents, and I said nothing in return, so stunned was I at her lack of Yankee reserve. I tell you this just in case you find yourself in a diner in northern Arizona for breakfast: if your waitress is as sweet as can be, be warned that the syrup just might be thick and bitter.

While I'm at it, you might need to know that at a campground on the central California coast there is a couple in loose clothing and beads and dreadlocks. They look as if they've been at that campground for some time because they have. Their dog, a black lab mix, is friendly, so don't worry; he answers to the name of "Too High." I was eight when I met him, and, as now, was then a lover of dogs. Though Too High was not like our dog back home, a West Highland Terrier named Megan, he was fun to play with for a while. I didn't understand his name, so I asked my parents about it, wondering if maybe it was an American Indian name, which they guessed it was. The people are nice, too, but if they happen to leave a couple books with you—dark and hardbound, with gold letters on one that read, *The Book of Moon*—as my father advised me, just leave them there.

You might also want to be warned about the chocolate pudding in the Cheyenne, Wyoming, bus terminal. If you end up there, it could be because, while on a ski vacation, an airline pilot's strike has made it so all the flights from Salt Lake City to Boston are overbooked and your only hope of getting back home in time for the start of school after winter break is to go by bus. (By the way, once you have hauled your skis, boots and poles across the continent, carrying them from the parking lot to the lodge will be something you never complain about again.) If this is so, you will want to stay away from the chocolate pudding when, sometime in the dark hours between ten o'clock at night and five o'clock in the morning, the bus driver pulls into a terminal and announces a thirty-minute break for dinner. Though no one in your family is culinarily inclined, even they recognize that this food is unappetizing at best, and the chocolate pudding is unmentionable, so that's all I'll say, except to say this: if you do eat the pudding, there is a bathroom across the terminal lobby, which, luckily for you, is relatively small and not too crowded at this time of night, all clear for making a beeline across.

And, while we're on the subject, if you find yourself in Cuzco, Peru, you probably will also find yourself feeling crushed under the weight of the worst headache you've ever had. This is altitude sickness, and after about thirty-six hours it will pass. Meanwhile, there is a restaurant near the marketplace where they serve the best chocolate milkshakes you could ever hope to have, and if a group of women in their tall, black hats and colorful, wool skirts of many layers gathers around the window outside where you are sitting, it is only because the morning sun is alight on your blond hair—both yours and your sister's—and they have never seen hair that color before, though you might struggle to understand this because they don't speak English and you don't speak

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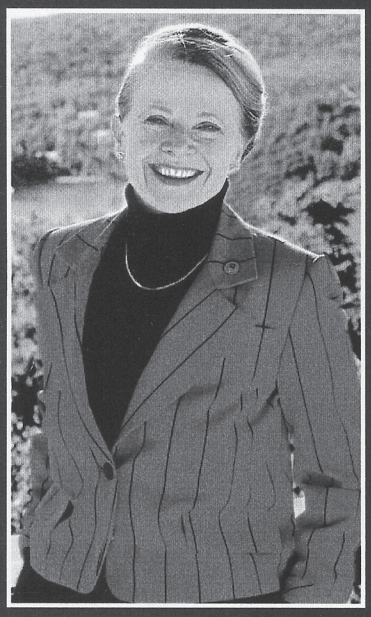

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Spanish, even if your mother, who took Spanish in high school, thinks she knows enough for you all to get by.

I am the daughter of a commercial airline pilot, and I have spent weeks of my life homesick in some of the world's most interesting and beautiful places. Every year we went on a family trip to someplace new (how we got there—flying standby—is another column; suffice it to say the image of a pack of gypsies comes to mind) from the time when I was five until I was fifteen—the Pacific Northwest, the desert Southwest, Hawaii, Switzerland, London, Peru—which I would spend, as often as not, counting down the days until I was back among the familiar sights, sounds, and smells of home. This could be said to be simple provincialism; I know I am writing for a town full of some very well traveled people who likely look forward to their trips away from home. However, this could also be said to be expressive of something fundamental to human experience—homesickness as a yearning not just for home, but for our true home, indeed for God.

The fundamental story of scripture is one of leaving home and returning: Abraham is called out of Ur, his homeland, to find a new home in the Living God; the Israelites find themselves exiled in Egypt, generations later to be called back north to land God had promised them generations earlier for a home; Jesus as a baby with his parents is forced out of Bethlehem to Egypt, two years later safely to return; and, of course, there is the founding story of scripture, the story of Adam and Eve being exiled from the garden of God. In the same way, the fundamental story of our lives could be said to be one of leaving home and returning. This, it seems, to me is what we're doing as a whole creation. And it's a long journey, and a difficult journey. We have made many deadly missteps; we have lost many precious members of our tribe. But so we go, catching glimpses of where we're going as we go, seeing that it's a good place (the prophets spoke of it—where justice shall roll down life waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream). Yes, it's a good place, and the getting there is good, too. So, on together we go …

— Elizabeth Goodman

Cemetery Maintenance Proposals Due July 15

Groundskeeping proposals for the Veteran's Memorial and the five town cemeteries will be reviewed through July 15. Interested parties can pick up a job description at the town hall.

How's it Made Is Returning!

Ever since the first *How's it Made* in 2003, people have been asking the Monterey Cultural Council when it will happen again. We are pleased to announce that this popular art event will again take place Saturday, September 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Firehouse pavilion. Twenty-two local artists and craftspeople have been selected to participate in a juried show designed not only to display their creations, but to allow them to demonstrate their techniques and answer questions about their work.

With a diverse range of disciplines showcased—oil, pastel, acrylic, and watercolor painting, papermaking, printing, stitchery and quilting, woodworking, knitting, photography, basketry, and the making of jewelry, mosaics, and pottery—there will be something to appeal to everyone's interests. Children are especially welcome. Local food will be available, as well as live music. Don't miss this chance to get your hands dirty creating your own masterpiece out of clay. Admission is free.

— Monterey Cultural Council

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Local Students Attend Leadership Conference

On June 3–5, the MassSTAR (Massachusetts STudents Accepting Responsibility) Foundation conducted its annual three-day Citizenship Conference. Attending were Monterey high school sophomores Annabel Edelman (above left) from Lenox Memorial High School and Emily Shaw (above right) from Mount Everett High School. Annabel is the daughter of Jim and Carol Edelman, and Emily is the daughter of Gary and Laurie Shaw. Annabel and Emily, the only two students selected from south Berkshire County, joined 123 other student leaders from across Massachusetts to participate in the conference at Bridgewater State College.

The MassSTAR Foundation sponsors Leadership Conferences for student leaders with the aim to empower citizenship through teaching the skills and best practices of proactive involved citizens. The Conference is an intense three day event that brings together student leaders, business leaders, political leaders, and educational leaders to explore the true meaning of words such as "responsibility," "respect," "intentionality," "initiative," and "collaboration." It helps to define the role of student leaders in their schools and communities through a hands-on experience. The conference is free to the students, their parents, and their schools.

Oriental Rugs Presentation at Monterey Library July 9

Does the beauty and intricacy of Oriental rugs intrigue you? Find out more about them right here in Monterey on July 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Knox Museum Wing of the Monterey Library. Scott Gregorian, third generation member of Arthur T. Gregorian, Inc., Oriental Rugs, will be here to share his expertise in the field. Participants will be exposed to the world of beautiful cultural traditions, rich folklore, and the tremendous skill and artistry represented in these rugs, several of which will be on display. This informal and conversational presentation will include, but not be limited to, the history and technique of rug weaving and design, variations in materials and origin, and the effects of ever changing political climates on rug production and importation. The program is designed to inspire those new to the world of Oriental rugs as well as to expand the knowledge of those familiar with the art of rug weaving.

Learn about some of the mysteries of the East without even leaving Monterey. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Monterey Library.

Notes from the Library

All Unpaid Fines Forgiven!

It has been fifteen years since the library computerized. I looked up my card information and realized that it contained information about three houses ago, a different box number, and no e-mail address. We all know what happens in the Post Office if your box number is wrong. Please come in and we can check out your card information. All fines will be waived on that card. If you are one of the lucky ones without a fine, come on in and check out the information on your card just to verify things in any case. And, if you don't have a card, maybe now is the time to get one!

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for twenty-six years. She lives in Otis, but has plans to build on land she owns on Mt. Hunger. She works at Roberts Woods Farm with the horses, and is a docent at the Bidwell House. She will be living in the Bidwell House this coming winter. She won't have a regular schedule, but if she's in the library when you come be sure to welcome her.

Volunteers Needed for Book Sale

The library's annual book sale will be July 30. Donations are welcome. Many people have volunteered to help at the library—here's your chance. At 8 a.m we will need help setting up the sale, and, more importantly, we need help putting things away at 1 p.m. Thank you.

Some of the New Titles

Adult Fiction

Honeymoon, James Patterson
Long Spoon Lane, Anne Perry
Vanishing Acts, Jodi Picoult
With No One as Witness, Elizabeth George
Full Cupboard of Life, Alexander McCall Smith
Ireland, Frank Delaney
No Place like Home, Mary Higgins Clark
Saturday, Ian McEwan
The Wonder Spot, Melissa Bank
Mermaid Chair, Sue Monk Kidd
A Long Way Down, Nick Hornby
Alibi, Joseph Kanon
Ice queen, Alice Hoffman
Cold Service, Robert Parker

Adult Nonfiction

Taking Heat: The President, the Press and My Years in the White House, Ari Fleischer
Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise, Ruth Reichl
Alexander Hamilton, Ron Chernow
Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, Jared Diamond
One Soldier's Story, Bob Dole
Torture Papers: The Road to Abu Graib, Karen Greenberg
Fly Fishin' Fool: The Adventures of a Compulsive Angler, James Babb
Yankees v. Red Sox Reader, Mike Robbins
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Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith, Anne Lamott.

Children's

Peter and the Star Catchers, Dave Barry
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Legend of the Curse of the Bambino, Dan Shaughnessy
Sea of Trolls, Nancy Farmer
Gifts, Ursula K. Le Guin.

— Mark Makuc, Library Director

July Events at Library

Summer Reading Program

Starting July 1, for pre-school and school-age children. Register, keep track of reading time and earn fun prizes while enjoying the pleasures of books. Sign-up forms, activities, and information are available at the library.

Oriental Rugs Talk

Saturday, July 9, 11:00 a.m.: See description on p. 16.

John Porcino, Storyteller

On Saturday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m., we welcome back John Porcino, storyteller, folksinger, and musician, as he celebrates the joys of reading and travel with energy and humor. John is always a favorite—please come along on this lively, interactive journey for children and their families. Free event, cosponsored by the Monterey Cultural Council and the Monterey Library.

Annual Used Book Sale

Saturday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our famous annual used book sale returns to the library lawn. Pick through treasures and bargains galore! Donations will be accepted the week before the sale, but please no text books, Reader's Digest condensed books, water damaged or mildewed books. Volunteers are needed to help set up at 8 a.m. and put things away at 1 p.m.

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Cuckoo Summer

The only black-billed cuckoo I've seen this summer was, unfortunately, a dead one. It had flown into a window at a friend's house, and she kindly saved it for us. Now, duly admired and reverenced, it is in our freezer along with many another lovely creature. There is a box labeled "bird bodies." We find we can't just throw them away.

Cuckoos are hard to spot but they can be heard every day around here. They are nearly invisible in the woods, being slim and furtive and colored just right to fit in with olive and gray. If you do get a good look at one, you will know it by its red eye-ring. You may be tempted to conclude it is a red-eyed vireo, but the vireos are half the size of a cuckoo and have actual red eyes, not black eyes ringed with red.

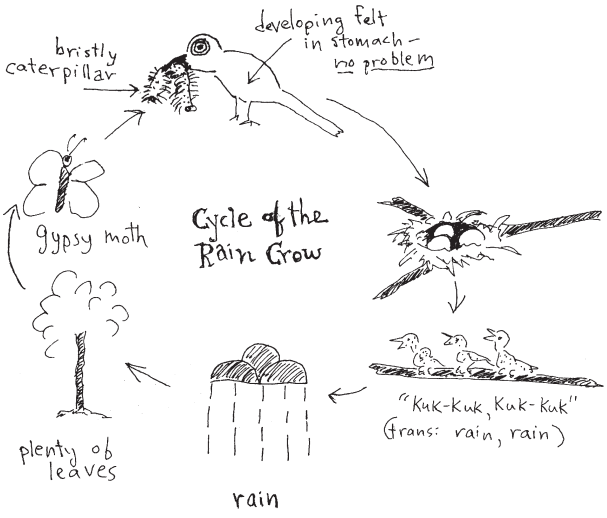
We have two kinds of cuckoos hereabouts, black-billed and yellow-billed. Both are about a foot long, slim, dark above and white below. But it is the black-billed species I am hearing all the time this summer. This is not the cuckoo of European cuckoo clocks. Those say "Cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo" if it is three o'clock. They are patterned after the European cuckoo, which, though it may not be able to tell time, does say, "cuck---ooo." There is a southern American folksong called "The Cuckoo," which says:

"Oh the cuckoo, she's a pretty bird, and she warbles as she flies.

But she never hollers cuckoo 'til the first day of July."

I am guessing this song refers to the cuckoos of Britain and Europe. Years ago I heard one of these birds "warble" as it flew by. First it went "cuck" and then about twenty feet farther along, "oooo." Our cuckoos have been hollering and warbling since about mid-May. And they say, "kuk-kuk, kuk-kuk, kuk-kuk,…" or sometimes "kuk-kuk-kuk, kuk-kuk-kuk, kuk-kuk-kuk." They say this over and over and over for a long time. One of the "kuks" is always accented. There is never any "ooo."

Some people call our cuckoo a cow-cow, and some say it is a rain crow. I have been hearing it for weeks now and there has been precious little rain. Last summer there was so much rain I never needed to water the garden, and the beaver pond down at the Friends Meetinghouse threatened to flood the parking lot and float the building. This year we don't have the rain, but we have incredible wild strawberries, the promise of lots of blueberries, tall new growth on the white pines, five frogs in the wading pool, and many other signs that plants and animals thrived last summer. The population booms come after the bounty; they follow the rain. This includes caterpillars, and what follow caterpillars are cuckoos.



Specifically, cuckoos follow the hairy, spiky caterpillars. Unlike any other birds, they are happy to gobble up gypsy moth and tent caterpillars. One was observed swallowing thirty-six tent caterpillars in five minutes. Most birds would suffer pierced stomachs and intestines, but the cuckoo has a remarkable system for dealing with caterpillar bristles. They pile up in the stomach, making a kind of felting against the stomach lining. When digestion becomes impeded by this, the stomach lining is sloughed off and shed, along with the felt, and a new stomach lining has formed, all ready to go.

European cuckoos, like our cowbirds, are known for laying their eggs in the nests of other species. In fact, the European baby cuckoos hatch with a concavity in their backs, perfect for getting under a host baby and humping it right out of the nest. Later, the cuckoo's backbone straightens out.

Black-billed cuckoos occasionally leave an egg in the nest of another cuckoo or another species. But mostly they incubate their own eggs, which can hatch in ten days if the weather is warm. The nests are made of twigs and sticks, lined with leaves and catkins. Henry David Thoreau found a nest in late June of 1853, which he describes in his Journal as being "very shallow, 6-8 inches in diameter by 3 inches deep, on a low bending willow, hardly one-half inch deep within; concealed by overhanging leaves of a swamp white oak on the edge of a river meadow, 2-3 feet from the ground, made of slender twigs which are prettily ornamented with much ramalina lichen, lined with hickory catkins and pitch pine needles."

Another nineteenth-century naturalist from Lockport, New York, reported finding a black-billed cuckoo and a mourning

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dove sitting together on a robin's nest. The nest contained two cuckoo eggs, two mourning dove eggs, and one robin egg. This is a mixed-up situation. There is also an 1887 account of a cuckoo and a veery nesting next to each other on the ground, a hand's width apart. The only other detail we have on this is that when approached, the veery always flew off first.

Listen for the cuckoo, the rain crow. Picture a red ring around the eye, a felted stomach that is no problem, and potential interspecies nesting partnerships. Think of Thoreau, 150 years ago, skulking through the woods after a cuckoo to find its nest and rhapsodize over the lichens on the twigs used in its construction. We'd do well to notice such things, in any century, any summer.

— Bonner J. McAllester

The Bus Driver

It is 6:15 a.m. and a bus driver walks out the side door and down the path to his bus. The air is cool and crisp and clean. He checks the bus's lights, fluids, and safety equipment, and heads on out to the first stop. He considers it a privilege to serve the community in this way and looks forward to seeing "his" students and how they are doing today. As he drives along, he breaths a silent prayer: "Lord, help me today to be a good influence and example to these young impressionable lives."

During the winter he is out even earlier, shoveling snow, scraping ice from the windshield, and leaving earlier to allow more travel time. He realizes that he is the first school contact the children have for the day and the last in the afternoon. He has the opportunity to start them off with a good attitude.

As his drive winds along the back roads, he admires their beauty. Suddenly a red fox darts across the road. Wow! He sees an occasional black bear and saw a moose one morning. There are also deer and turkeys, even an occasional coyote.

He comes to his first stop and greets the student's mother with a hearty "Good morning!" and "How are things today?" As the student boards he greets her and asks, "How was the game last night?" or "Did you have a good dentist report?"

As he winds his way up the mountain to the next stop, he looks out over the valley as the sun shines on the opposite hillside and again admires the beauty God has allowed him to enjoy. At each stop he tries to involve the students with a greeting and pertinent question. "How is your school play going?" or "Are you learning to play better in the band"? or "How did the softball game go last night?"

Students today face a lot more challenges, heavier schedules, and more demands on their time than he remembers when he was in school many years ago.

In the afternoon he makes another trip around the back roads. Not every student is on the bus every afternoon because of after-school activities. As he heads back home after his last stop he breathes another little prayer: "Lord, thank you for the privilege of serving these students today. Help them with their homework and other activities this evening."

Now school has closed for another year. He wonders how the children's summer will be and if they will be back in the fall or if they will have moved. How many new students will he have the opportunity to serve next year?

We all have an opportunity to help our students by being a good role model, mentor, and example.

— Paul Dixon

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Monterey Lifeguards

Kelly Coons (right) and Bethany Mather (left) start their fifth year as Lake Garfield lifeguards this year. Nine-year-old Lily Chapman (center) interviewed these beloved lifeguards at Lake Garfield one cold and rainy day.

LC: *Where were you born?*
Beth: BMC, Pittsfield.
Kelly: Fairview, Great Barrington.

LC: *Do you like being a lifeguard? Why?*
We love being lifeguards here at Lake Garfield each summer. We really like working here together and enjoy getting to know the great families that live in Monterey. Our favorite part of the job is watching our friends grow up, year after year.

LC: *What do you do in the winter when you are not lifeguarding?*
Kelly: I took the year off from school and worked at Butternut, visited Beth at the University of Massachusetts, and snowboarded whenever I had the chance. I also took some classes at BCC.
Beth: I was a student at University of Massachusetts in Amherst and worked at Butternut.

LC: *Did you lifeguard before Lake Garfield?*
Beth: My first few lifeguarding jobs were short-lived, at Simon's Rock as well as at Eden Hill. But I can't stop returning to Monterey every summer because we have so much fun.
Kelly: Four years ago I worked a little bit at Simon's Rock. Last year I life guarded at the pool there, but neither of these jobs were half as good as being at Lake Garfield. I definitely prefer to be a lifeguard at a lake as opposed to a pool.

LC: *What do you do on your summer days off and evenings ?*
Beth and Kelly: Actually, even outside of working forty hours together at the lake, we spend almost all our nights and days off together. We both love the outdoors and almost everything that goes along with it. Friends take us wakeboarding, tubing, and to concerts, while we show them awesome places to go hiking and swimming.
Even now and then we attempt some basketball, and we're both members of a coed softball team. Every Friday we play kickball in Housatonic with our friends. When we can fit it into our busy schedules, we like to take trips to places like Misquaniticut Beach in Rhode Island and to Vermont. Whenever possible, we enjoy seeing local bands and dancin' the night away.

LC: *What is it like at school? What do you do at school?*
Kelly: I completed two years at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, and learned that it was NOT the right place for me. It was too far away from nature, and the people were not to my liking. When I was there I enjoyed playing intramural sports and taking salsa dancing class. When I could get away, I liked traveling to places like Old Sacramento, the Sierra Nevadas, Berkeley, and L.A. I also took a full schedule working toward a degree in sports sciences.
Beth: I am at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and I really enjoy it. It was crazy to go from a graduating class of fifty-five at Mount Everett to a campus with at least 25,000 college students, but change is always a good thing. I declared my education major and hope to graduate in 2008 with my Masters in Elementary and Secondary Education.

LC: *How old were you when you started swimming?*
Beth: I was around five when I really got the hang of swimming.
Kelly: I have been in the water since I was a little baby, but I think I was five when I actually figured out how to swim on my own.

LC: *What is the nicest thing in the summer?*
The nicest thing has been the continuous kindness and support we receive from the Park Commission and the residents.

LC: *What are your future plans?*
Beth is planning to finish out at UMass and Kelly starts at the University of Vermont in the fall 0f 2005. They also plan to explore more of the world, but not before hanging out Tuesday through Saturday, 10-6 from June until the end of August.

Look for an interview with new lifeguards Emily Shaw and Megan Olivieri in August.

See you at the beach!

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To the Muse in Monterey

To the Editor:

Last year, after leaving the Berkshires, I found myself quite homesick for the mountains, woods, and people. Receiving the *Monterey News* has helped keep a connection with this haven, almost like hearing news from a friend at the Roadside Store. I especially appreciated reading Tarsi's poetry in the June issue, and learning of her award in the Edith Wharton Writing Contest. It is a great honor.

I believe poetry is a necessary art, as important to the fabric of humankind as science or medicine. I hope Tarsi finds a lifetime of joy in poetry and the *Monterey News* continues to include it alongside the news, nature articles, drawings, and events. The *Monterey News* is a fine collection of community talent, and although it reminds me of all those I miss, I will always look forward to its arrival in the mail.

— Melissa Hamilton, Ithaca, NY

To the Editor:

I think I speak for many when I rejoice in the continuing presence of the Muse in Monterey. Heartfelt congratulations to Tarsi Dunlop, for her splendid achievement, and welcome to Ana Boyd (age 10!).

I would also like to compliment Laurily Epstein for the fantastic job of recording that unique demonstration of American freedom known as the Town Meeting. How blessed we are in the good people of Monterey.

I also believe in expressing gratitude for the tireless efforts of the editor, Will Marsh. I happen to know how many hours late at night it takes to produce this paper that surely is one of the best of its kind in New England.

— A. O. Howell (82)

Thanks to Monterey Businesses

To the Editor:

We would like to acknowledge and thank all the Monterey businesses that donated to the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Theatre Program. Their donation of either their artistic creations for the Silent Auction or advertising funds helped to make this year's performance of *Annie Warbucks* a rousing success. Monterey children participating in the play were Keller Dinan, Jonah Carlson, and Alyssa Mielke. They, as well as the whole cast, did an astounding job.

So thank you to: Ellen Grenadier at Grenadier Pottery, Mike and Maureen Banner of Banner Studios, Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester of Monterey Maple, Karen Allen of Monterey Fiber Arts, Riccardo Boehm of Berkshire Country Properties, Nancy Kalodner of Benchmark Realty, Ann Igoe Dinan Catering, Nancy Dinan of Corashire Realty and Corashire Antiques, and Kenn Basler from the Monterey General Store. We really appreciate your generosity and support.

— Chuck and Debbie Mielke

Karl Finger, Anson Olds in Bidwell House Concert July 6

The Bidwell House Museum is proud to present internationally known recording artist, guitarist, and folksinger, Karl Finger in concert on Wednesday, July 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at The Bidwell House Museum; admission is free for all.

Karl Finger has taught classes and conducted workshops in folk dance in the U.S. and abroad for over thirty years. In addition to teaching international folk dance (including its music, styling, cultural origins, and social role), he is a caller of American square dances and contras. He has lectured on folk music and its role in history and social movements at schools, colleges, and universities for the past thirty years. He has performed on over forty LP recordings and has appeared with artists such as Pete Seeger, Odetta, Josh White, Oscar Brand, Brownie McGee, and Sonny Terry.

Joining Karl will be Anson Olds. Anson has studied with National Flat Pick champion Roger Ferguson. In 1992 and 1993 he was named the Berkshires "Best Traditional Folk Performer" by the *Berkshire Eagle*. A performance by Anson Olds includes original songs, traditional folk songs, guitar instrumentals, fiddle tunes, and stories.

The Bidwell House Museum is a perfect setting for an evening of music and picnic dining. For further information, contact Martha Dailey at 528-6888.

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Sandisfield Arts Offers Free Classes for Children

The Sandisfield Arts Center is offering a new program this year consisting of six Wednesday morning classes in everything from Indonesian puppet making to Native American beading. Classes will take place at the Sandisfield Arts Center on Hammertown Road off Route 57 in Sandisfield from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Registration is required and classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Call Eileen at 413-258-4157 to register.

On July 6th, Meredith Babcock (aka Dr. Marmalade) will guide children in the creation of big papier maché animals. Native American beading will be taught by Mikka Barkman on July 13th (Class limited to fifteen students over age eight). On July 20th, Michael Wolski will teach Indonesian puppet making. Naturalist, Bonner McAllester, will use the wonders of the natural world as inspiration for creating works of art on July 27th. On August 3rd, Wendy Jenson will teach students how to make berry baskets, just in time for blueberry season. Josephine Freedman will present a pottery making class on August 10th.

One free performance will take place on Sunday, July 10th, at 2 p.m. Storyeller and musician Mary Jo Maichack is an entertainer the whole family will enjoy.

Classes are offered free thanks to generous donations from the Sandisfield, Monterey, and New Marlborough Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and by the Berkshire Bank Foundation. Visit www.sandisfieldartscenter.org for directions and more information.

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Most Tuesdays in July: Education night at Monterey General Store: 7 p.m. Free. See p. 12.

Every Wednesday through August 10: Free crafts classes for children, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. See p. 22.

Every Thursday in July: Music night at General Store: 7–9 p.m. Free. See p. 12.

Every Saturday through September: Lake Garfield Torah Group meets. For information call 528-3193 or 567-8171.

Wednesday, July 6: Guitarists and folk-singers Karl Finger and Anson Olds in concert at the Bidwell House Museum, Art School Road, 6–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 9:

Center For Ecological Technology representative will be on hand at the town transfer station, Gould Road, to answer questions on recycling, 8–10 a.m. See p. 9.

Lecture on Oriental rugs, Monterey Library. Free. See p. 16.

Sunday, July 10:

"World War II in Historical Perspective," talk by Bill Cohn, Sandisfield Arts Center, 10:30 a.m. Free. For information, go to www.sandisfield artscenter.org.

Storyteller and musician Mary Jo Maichack at Sandisfield Arts Center, 2 p.m. Free.

Saturday, July 16: Storyteller John Porcino will entertain children and their families at the Monterey Library, 11 a.m. Free.

Thursday, July 21: Full Moon.

Friday, July 22: Cosmo Catalano will present a slide show on history of the Appalachian Trail, 7 p.m., Knox Museum at the Monterey Library, sponsored by Monterey Historical Society. Free.

Saturday, July 23:

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection, 9 to 11 a.m., Stockbridge Recycling Center, 1 West Stockbridge Rd (Route 102), Stockbridge.

Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG) meets at the Firehouse, 9:30 a.m.

Square and contra dancing, 8:30–11:30 p.m., Sheffield Grange, Rt. 7, Sheffield. Music by Mountain Laurel. Caller Peter Stix. All dances are taught; beginners and children are welcome. Adults $6, children $3. Information 528-9385.

Sunday, July 24: "The Poetry and Music of World War II," presentation by author Val Coleman and baritone Ben Luxon, Sandisfield Arts Center, 10:30 a.m. Free.

Saturday, July 30:

Bidwell House Museum Benefit Tag Sale, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Art School Road.

Used book sale, library lawn, 9 –1.

Annual Firemen's Steak Roast, Firehouse pavilion, 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 31: "Tank Warfare in World War II," talk by Margaret O'Clair, Sandisfield Arts Center, Hammertown Road at Route 57, 10:30 a.m. Free.

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May 26–June 25

High temp. (6/9, 10, 14)	86°
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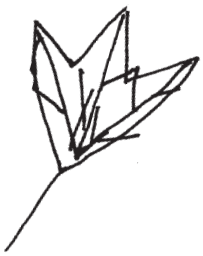

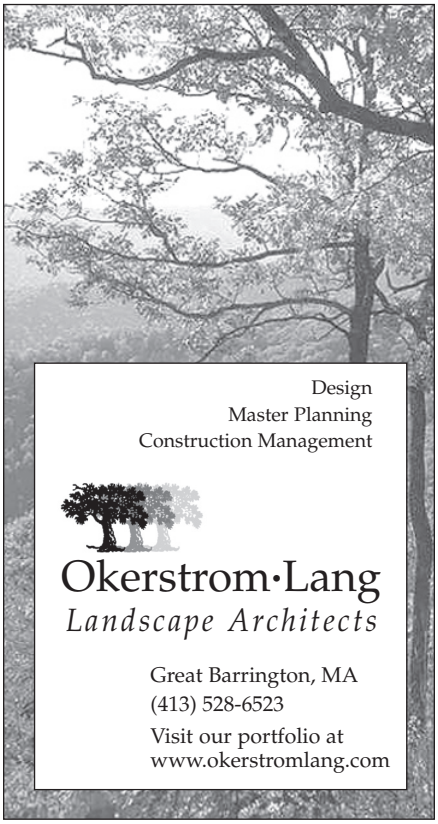

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